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REMARKS

Claims 1-30 remain pending in this application for which applicant seeks reconsideration.

Amendment

Independent claims 1, 8, and 15 each have been amended to more clearly recite the invention and to overcome the § 112 rejection. Specifically, these claims now clarify that the identifiers are assigned to records selected from the records displayed in the displayed list in response to the selection of the processing order for the displayed records. Claim 27 also has been amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been introduced.

Art Rejection

Claims 1-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Hutchings (USP 5,940,813) in view of Judge (program found at <http://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/~xuedamin/programs/204/doc.txt>). Applicant traverses because the applied references would not have taught assigning identifiers as claimed.

The examiner continues to assert that Hutchings' priority codes themselves are the identifiers with priorities indicative of the processing order, and that while Hutchings does not teach displaying the queue or list, Judge teaches displaying the content of a queue (public void print). The examiner asserts that the combination would have taught outputting the queue for debugging purposes. Because the examiner believes that outputting the queue does not change the content, the examiner argues that the priorities are independent of the display order. Applicant believes that such an argument has no merit.

Hutchings discloses a transaction mover 32 that reads mover queue records after it has been activated. The mover queue records contain information for determining, inter alia, the order in which the temporary queue files will be processed. The mover internally sorts these files in a table based on priority codes, with the files having lower priority code numbers being processed before the files with higher priority code number. A priority code of "S" can be used to completely skip a queue. The priority codes for the queues can be changed by altering the mover queue records using a transaction mover queue update device 55 and an input/output device 72. Any change in the priority codes will not become effective until after the next time the mover 32 is started. See column 9, lines 13-29.

Hutchings merely discloses sorting files in a table based on priority codes, with the files having lower priority code numbers processed before the files with higher priority code numbers.

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Hutchings, however, does not disclose or teach anywhere that identifiers are assigned to a plurality of records selected from records displayed in a displayed list in response to the selection of the processing order for the displayed records. Judge would not have alleviated this shortcoming even if it were deemed properly combinable with Hutchings.

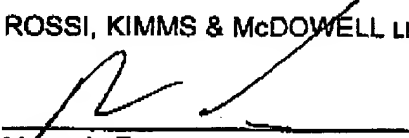
Conclusion

Applicant submits that claims 1-30 patentably distinguish over the applied references and are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicant urges the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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